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The ONI files reflect subject's name as Louis (Luis) Eusebio Balbuena (Calzadilla). He is described as a Cuban, a Caucasian, and a Catholic by religion. In 1960, his address was Calle Marti No. 1071, Upper Apartment, Guantanamo City, Cuba. He also owned a beach house at Uvero Beach, Guantanamo. As of December 20, 1960, he was assistant to the Special Services (S)(u)

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Letter to Miami
RE: LOUIS BALBUENA CALZADILLA

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According to ONI files, subject had worked on the Base since he was a teenager. He received a high school education in Cuba and had been active in the July 26th Movement during Castro's fight against Batista. Subsequently, he was an official of the Revolutionary Democratic Front described as a clandestine anticommunist and anti-Castro group. He was also active in church circles, including the Knights of Columbus, politics and was said to be ambitious to be mayor of Guantanamo City. The ONI files show that he was an intelligence officer in the Castro forces as late as 1960 and was said to be in charge of Intelligence Section, Oriente Province. (S)(u)

As of 1960, subject was married and had two children. DeMille of ONI believes his wife and children still may be in Cuba. Subject also had a brother, Ramon Balbuena, employed at the Navy Exchange on the Base; a brother, Felix, who is manager of the Navy Exchange; and a cousin, Victor, who was described as an official of the Union of Base Workers. (S)(u)

Subject is further described in ONI files as 6' 2" tall, weighing 266 pounds, obese, stocky build, with tan complexion and a black heavy mustache. His hair is described as dark brown, short and wavy; eyes, brown (wears glasses occasionally); good teeth; and a small mole on his left cheek and a one-half inch scar on left forehead near the hairline. Subject is said to be a friendly, capable individual who has leadership qualities. He is also said to be fluent in English, as well as in Spanish. He is right-handed and likes sports. (S)(u)

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Bufiles contain no additional pertinent information concerning subject.

In view of the information contained in this letter, no efforts should be made to develop subject as PSI. There is no objection, however, to his being utilized as a source of information, and you are authorized to accept any information he may desire to volunteer.

NOTE: Records of [ONI] (S) (u) were reviewed by Liaison.

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TO : D. J. BRENNAN *APR*

DATE: June 20, 1963

FROM : J. M. FITZGERALD *gmf*SUBJECT: LOUIS BALBUENA CALZADILLA
SOURCE OF INFORMATION - CUBA**SECRET**

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ACTION:

This memorandum is being directed to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section.

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